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BISHOP PURCELL'S JOURNAL, 1833-1836

(Contributed by Sister Mary Agnes McCann, Ph.D.)

Redde Rationem Villicationis Tuæ.—Luke, xvi, 2.

1833—Nov.

Having resolved to keep a faithful account of my administration of the diocese of Ohio and of the remarkable events, ecclesiastical and political, connected with it, or interesting to the Holy Cause of Religion in these U. S., I begin from the epoch of my acceptance of the appointment, confirmed by the Holy See, to chronicle in this Journal, whatever it will be given me to use useful to myself, profitable to my clergy, a light to my flock & a guide to my successor when I am in the house of my eternity, the Mansions of glory which my Saviour has bought for me with his blood, which my Father above has prepared & which the Most Holy Spirit that proceedeth from the Father and the Son, I confidently hope, will enable me by efficacious grace to secure.

As soon as the various Catholic newspapers announced my nomination—which Rt. Revd. Dr. England informed me by letter from Rome, had been made—not by him, but by Prelates of the U. S. in his absence, I was importuned by Parents and Guardians of the Scholars under my care at Mt. St. Mary's College for information as to the probability who wd be my successor—For a considerable time, I was at a loss what answer to return—Revd. Mr. Hayden was consulted & offered the Presidency of the Institution. He declined the charge & Revd. Mr. Jamison was approved, at my suggestion, by the Abp. for the onerous duty of President. Revd. Mr. Wainwright of the Balte. Cathedral having brought me the Apostolic Brief of my election to the See of Cincinnati, in the begin. of Aug. 1833, I made a retreat with the Seminarians—conducted by Revd. Mr. Bruté, to implore the Divine Light that I may the will of God [*sic*—I consulted enlightened, old and pious friends—they advised the course I have pursued. . . . Agreed with the Most Revd. ArchB. that the consecration shd take place on the 13th October. Made a re-retreat at Conewago—where Revd. Messrs. Lekeu and Paul Kohlman exercised the virtue of hospitality in my regard and edified me much by their unaffected piety. Revd. Mr. Hickey kindly came to hear my confession. From that moment to my consecration, he never left me.

My consecration took place on the 13th Oct. 1833. (See the various Catholic Papers of the U. S. for a description of the ceremony and that of the opening of the Provincial Council on the Sunday fol.) From the 10th to the 20th, Rt. Revd. Bps. DuBois and Kenrick went to the Mountain. I staid in Baltimore where I was politely and kindly entertained by Mr. Francis Elder & Lady & Sister, Miss Laura Laurenson. We, the Bishops, dined at Mr. Caton's & McTavish's, where it was unpleasant to hear so many family secrets & scandals about the division of old Mr. Charles Carroll's estates. I made a hasty visit to the district of Cola. to see Revd. Mr. Schreiber & G. T. College before I left the East. Heard

of the attempt of the students of George T. Coll. to mob and abuse their Prefect, Mr. Lancaster—Experienced kindness from Messrs. John White, Abraham White, G. W. Reed, Basil Elder, Robert Barry—but particularly from Mr. & Mrs. (Thos.) Meredith—the latter gave me Thirty Dollars.

On 2d Nov. returned to the Mtn. Sang High-Mass (Pontifical) and preached, the Sunday fol. In Town & at St. Joseph's the two ensuing days—Tho employed in administering last Sacraments to Mrs. Brookes and interring her. Left on Thursday and pd. 100 Doll. for Stage from Frederick (where Revd. Mr. McElroy & the French Ladies were (as usual) very Hospitable in receiving us—) to Wheeling. Arrived in Wheeling after two accidents which might have proved dangerous, but did not—thanks to kind Angels—on Sund. morn. at 5 oClock. Found Mr. Hoerner at his Hotel. Heard the Sisters' Confessions—Alphonsa & Cephas. Said Mass & preached—preached again, by special request, in the evening after supper—Nearly all present Protestants; Mr. Pentoney, to whom I had a letter from F. Elder, was very civil—invited us to his house to tea and hired a carriage at his own expense to fetch Bisp. David and Mr. Ellery (Bardstown lay brother) from Mrs. Thomson's, 3 miles from Wheeling, where they staid, and where they could get no wine either Sunday or Monday Morn. to say Mass. Mrs. Moore & her sister, Miss McGovern (since married to Mr. Zave) made us put up at their house.—I mean Mr. Young (Revd. Provincial of the Dominicans) and myself—the young men, Messrs. OMealy & OLaughlin & James McCallion, who came with me from Emmitsburg, put up at Mr. Hoerner's Hotel. The Sisters & little Willy Ryan went to good Mrs. Magruder's, formerly of Frederick. Miss Ann Marr, who came likewise from Emmitsburg, as My Housekeeper, staid with them. On Mond. at 2 P. M. we came down the River in the Steam-Boat—*Emigrant*—Pd., as well as I rem. 8 Doll. a head. Arrived at Cincinnati, on Thursday, 14th Nov. at 10 A. M. Went to the house of Mr. Santiago, opposite to the Church—There dressed in *Pontificalibus*—The clergy came to receive me—Went in procession to the Church—Was addressed by Venerable Bishop Flaget—Bp. David present—Chaunted the prayers prescribed in the Pontifical and observed all the other ceremonies—See "Telegraph" for this day & fol. Sunday—

Had many arduous duties to perform, tho' frequently interrupted by kind children coming to visit their new and long looked for Spiritual Father—Arranging the preliminaries for the transfer of the property of the late Bishop, Rt. Revd. Dr. Edd. Fenwick—The Executors were Very Revd. Dr. Resé, Very Revd. Nicholas Young (the Bishop's nephew) and Revd. Anthony Ganilh, a French Priest. The last mentioned gentleman induced the late Bishop to make a new will, which he, (Ganilh) drew up, setting aside one made by Lawyer Storer! and all that said Ganilh may shew his knowledge, or rather his most fatal ignorance of the Law and he appointed one of the administrators. Ganilh did not come to Cti. knowing how anxious I must have felt to have the estate settled up, he still remained at Bardstown where he teaches in the college. My Lawyer advised me to go to him & insist on having all the papers, bonds, notes deeds, mortgages which he most unwarrantably abstracted from the State and Diocese.—The journey was dull & the weather very cold—I got the rheumatism

in my back from cold—The covering of the beds in the St. Boat being very narrow. Revd. Mr. Abell rode with me from Louisville to Bardstown—40 miles through snow & mire—I rode an Indian Poney—Mr. Young another, both belonging to Mr. Byrne of Louisville, whose Father, one brother and one Sister live in Cti. We put up with him—His Lady is very obliging, altho' a Protestant. In L. I was happy to meet Hannah Downing of Mallow—staying at Mr. Haynes of Doneraile. On the Road from L. to B. we slept at a Tavern where two Travelers rising at Midnight, took our saddlebags, containing my cassock, breviary &c—and Mr. Young's who had these affairs under his charge—We had to send after them & in about 6 days recovered our property. The crossing of creeks is serious business on these bad roads—they are now McAdamising them—The appearance of Kentucky is real negro—the difference in so short a distance between it & the well settled parts of Ohio is immense. I staid but a very short time at Bardst—15 hours—had to argue Mr. Ganilh into a surrender of the Muniments. Visited Nazareth—and Revd. Mr. Reynolds & Deluynes, Supr. & Confessor of the Good Sisters. Made the whole journey back next day—Mr. Young was fatigued enough to give up the ghost but we kept at it & recruited quickly before the blazing hearth of Mr. Byrne. There was a benefit at the L. Theatre for the Orphan-Asylum, at this time.

Arrived at Cincinnati, without breaking my fast at 1 P. M. on 1st Sunday of Advent—Said Mass—The Past. Letter of the Bishops was read today—fol. Sunday, mine was read—Sunday after that, I preached a Charity Sermon. It was the highest amount that had ever been recd. on any such occasion in the church—It was merely a compliment to the new Bishop—My sermon I borrowed up & down—and might well say “Non Nobis Dne.” I attended an anniversary meeting of the Ohio Lit. Soc. this week, by special invitatn. and under a broad sign of the Cross said a prayer &c.

The Exercises of the Jubilee, which finished on the 2d Sunday of Advent, were well attended. There must have been, at least, 600 Cts. It is to be celebrated throughout the diocese, in any three consecutive weeks, the various Pastors may see best to designate, according to the occupations or leisure of their respective flocks, from the 1st of Jan. to the 1st. of July, 1834.

For departure of Bp. Rese, see Telegraph of this date. I had to give him my note for upwards of 500 Doll. to meet the demands of Grocers, Dry Goods men, &c. &c. for value recd. by the inmates of the Coll. & Sem. before my arrival! Thousands upon thousands of Dollars had been expended on buildings which are ill-constructed & inconvenient, of wretched materials, half-finished, leaking, mill-dewed roofs & walls; floors loose & badly laid, hydrants left insecure against external injury—property not enclosed & people stealing our wood & coal—House full of filth—Meals ill-cooked & most ungainly & uncleanly servants. The Priests of the Sem. its Presidents! B. O. C. (Bernard O'Cavanaugh) took the young Seminarians to *Whiskey shops* & to *the Theatre*. Came home drunk at midnight, as Ven. Bishop David beheld with horror, with his own eyes—another Presid. of Sem. J. V. W. (Joseph Vincent Wiseman) had the boys of the street at his heels, shouting after him as he reeled drunk thro' the streets. These are awful lessons for the Bishop charged to educate a pure &

blameless Priesthood, not to entrust their formation to every sacerdotal virtue & usefulness, to men whom it wd. have been better, as the Saviour said, never to have been born, or to be cast with the Millstone of scandal around their necks into the sea, not deep enough to hide their shame—to purify their iniquities. One of these Seminarians, no wonder, under such guides & in full view of such enormities, provoked a boy, sent to learn printing first, in the Telegraph office, to defray by his labor part of the expense of his future Eccles. instruction and then join the Sem. Such the pious wish of exemplary Parents—to draw a knife upon him & wound him in two places in the public refectory!—This was some months before my arrival—Bp. Resé, then Vic. Gen. excommunicated the boy & still left him among the rest of the occupants of the Athenaeum, at meals, prayers, &c. &c.!!!

As this is for my own and my successor's direction, I think proper to insert the names—Daugherty was the name of the Seminarian—Philips of the boy. Daugherty was grossly ignorant and I wd not re-admit him—he had left & gone to Mr. Consedine's—a little out of town, before I came hither. Philips I permit to stay, for a longer trial.

B. O. C. having been suspended by Dr. Resé, remained a short time at Revd. Mr. Reid's, St. Martin's Church, Browne County, Ohio, where he was when the suspension was handed to him by Revd. Mr. Thienpont. Revd. Mr. Reid knew that Revd. Mr. O. C. had made himself liable to Suspension—that the measure was actually in contemplation, yet he left him in care of his congregn. & infant Sem. of St. James (consisting of 9 or ten scholars—and proceeded to New Orleans, without my leave, altho I was daily expected in Cini—The Council having terminated some time previously, B. O. C. had to leave St. Martin's & returned to Cinci. applied to me for faculties which I refused—He stays at Mr. Downey's, Merchant—A melancholy ruin.

The opening of a school at St. James' was altogether premature. There are 3000 acres belonging to the Bishop, 50 of which are cleared and under fence. The country around is very healthy—altho' in winter the road, except from Cini. to Milford, is truly vile—The place is now resorted to, as likely to prove an interesting Catholic settlement, by numerous Catholic families—Irish, German, French—The Protestant Americans are leaving the neighbourhood chiefly, it is presumed, owing to the great influx of Roman Catholics. The best of the nascent Congn. I believe to be—Mr. John Gross, formerly of Conawago—Married to an Irish Lady—he is a shoe maker—has a son learning the Printing in Cti. He lives in Fayetteville, nearly three miles from St. Martin's Church. In same village Mr. and Mrs. McGroarty—two brothers & two Wives—Mr. & Mrs. Nead—very worthy people—Nearer the Church—Mr. & Mrs. Scanlon—Mr. and Mrs. Boyle, old Mr. Bamber—an English-Man who has had quarrels with Revd. Mr. Reid (who is said by all his flock to have the fashion of denouncing them for their real or supposed faults, too plainly, from the altar—Bamber Sen. when he drinks rides thro' the Village of Fayetteville, cursing the Irish. His two sons and two daughters-in-law are said to be better Catholics. Mr. & Mrs. McKittrick & family are—So So Catholics—the old people, well meaning I imagine—Mr. & Mrs. Kelly, young married couple,

attentive to their duty—they, Mr. & Mrs. O'Connor, Monsieur Conrard & family, all good, live on the road before you reach F. Ville. Mrs. Savage, a most excellent American Lady, with her husband, lives near the Church of St. M. Jacquot, Mellard—are two French families—good—22 Miles from here, (Cini.) on the road to F. Ville, are several Catholic families—French Germans from Nancy & Strasbourg—and Irish—There are many also—5 miles nearer this side, at *Perrins Mills*. Mr. Owens (an Irishman) and his wife, an American lady, live at the X roads. I visited them on St. John's Day and told the man to prepare and renew his Com. on the 2nd of Jan. 1834, when I wd call again on my return from St. Martin's, which Congregation I thought it my duty to visit, in order to afford its long desolate members (Mr. Reid not having returned from his unauthorised excursion) the oppty. of complying with their religious duties at this Holy season. I was accompanied by Revd. Mr. Deloughery—I staid until after Din. on New Year's Day, at St. M. where I preached twice and in the interval between the two festivals—Sunday & New Year,—visited many of the Cath. around. This may be made a most fervent missionary station—People simple & full of Faith. Yet scandals have begun here, in the Sanctuary & near it. Mr. Reid's *brother* has been accused of too much familiarity with a servant maid, of whom I was shocked to find no fewer than three of inexperienced youth here—from 16 to 20. These abandoned among scholars, workmen, &c, &c.

On 2d. Jan. Mr. Owens went to Holy Com. His wife, only baptized, was afraid she was not prepared to go to confession—otherwise polite & clever.—No charge made here for selves or horses—Will make this home a station.

Coming home, weather bitterly cold. My horse fell under me on the Ice—I had before fallen from him by his starting when I had only one foot in the stirrup. Kind G. Angels nigh “ne offendam versus lapidem” I have great faith in Angels' care & say daily “Angele Dei” &c.—on my return had letters from Mt. St. Mary's from Miss Ogier, &c. &c.—Miss Ogier wishing me to pray for the resurrection of her most amiable nephew, John Louis Ogier, from the grave!—This fine boy died in conseque of a strain & interior injury from a leap down the stone steps, near the Wash-house at Mt. St. Mary's.

Epiphany.—Preached today to a thin congregation—Holidays not well kept here. John Carroll Wheland, Joseph Fry, John McNeal, Farrell Reily, Vincent Spalding, two Melines, Dr. Auth. Hermange—been to see me since I have been in Cti. All Mountain students. I gave art. headed Epiphany & Brother Edward's Poetry headed “The Lord is My Light &c. for Telegraph—Piece headed Xmas also mine (a previous paper contained letter of Mt. St. M. students & my answer.)

On Epiphany Evening, a project of constitution for the “St. Benevolent Society for the support & instruction of destitute orphans” was submitted to a meeting convened in the Athenaeum & the same after due exam. approved. Vid. Telegr. of this date. Mr. Cassilly (M. P. Esq.) who had expressed to the late Bishop, & many others, an intention to purchase & make a present of a suitable house for an Orphan Asylum, was so much offended at his donations being published prematurely in the Cath. Papers that he withdrew the grant

and instituted, before my arrival, a suit, and menaced to dispossess the Sisters.
Jan. 6.

His language has been, frequently indecorous in speaking of them & of the Revd. I. J. Mullon. The wife of Mr. Cassily is a bigoted and bitter Protestant & she has worried him and put him to great and unnecessary expense, reproaching him with reluctantly granting her articles of costly dress &c. while he cd afford to squander 5000 Doll. on Lazy nuns. He has the pusillanimity to bear with such insults and to insist, moreover on having back the house & lot occupied by the Sisters—they are in Sycamore St., at least, two squares from the Church. Guided by the conduct of St. Aug. on a nearly similar occasion, vid. his life by Appolonius, I prefer to tell him to take his house—the God of the orphans will find them a home. He has strong faith—comes regularly to church, sincerely intends, I believe, to do something generous for the distressed—but he is persecuted at home. I have made up my mind not to quarrel with him, nor with anyone. *Servum Dei non oportet litigare.* It is true that the Directors of the U. S. Bank in this City gave him the property 500 Doll. cheaper than they wd have let him have it, if he had not protested that he bought for the Orphans. But let the Sisters leave the house, not charged with rent for the last 4 years and I am satisfied.

Jan. 7.

A Bricklayer, employed by Revd. James Reid, to build the new house at St. Martin's Browne Cty. is in town waiting for payment of his bill. Having no money & not knowing the nature of his contract with that clergyman, I cannot advance him funds—To get him away from Brown Cty. & enable him, as he seemed then anxious to go home, I gave him, when I was up there, at New Year, ten Doll. He stays here and talks imprudently and continually of the Priest—Bishop too very probably. He is of no religion, altho' he professed over-and-over to me at Mrs. Savage's that he & his wife—living in Maysville wanted very much to join the R. Cath. Ch. The imprudence of Revd. Mr. Reid in employing such men & leaving them unpaid & without definite instructions, is inconceivable.

Jan. 12.

Rev. Mr. Mullon preached on the Epistle—I wish his sermons more connected & better prepared—facility alone will not do. In the evening, he gave an instruction on the 1st Com. respect pd to Saints, &c.—rather not argumentative—and too many hard truths and opprobrious epithets & odious comparisons to Protestants.

Call to orders.

In the evening, Rev. Messrs. Mullon, Deloughery and Thienpont met, at my request, in my room, to give me their conscientious opinion of the candidates of the Seminary, aspirants to the Holy Priesthood. (The Seminary is composed of the Following Members—M. M. Junker of Nancy (Diocese of) France—Conlan, Dillon, O'Mealy, O'Laughlin, *Allwill* (whom I refused to receive some years ago at Emmittsburg, and whom I will not suffer to remain here) Würtz, Mullon, McCallion, Young, Americus Warden—of these, Young, Mullon & War-

den are Americans & least advanced, except McCallion, in their education—Conlan, Dillon & Allwill have recd Minor orders.)

After the invocation of the Holy Ghost & a warning of the responsibility under which they were placed—the consequences to the Church, to Souls, to themselves of the result of such deliberations—*The Manus Nemini Cito imposueris* indirectly addressed to them, as it more directly was to Bishops (nos posuit Sp. Stus. &c. The following gentlemen were approved as per report. “Though Mr. Junker has not yet gone through a regular course of Theolog. studies, yet the situation of the German Congregation seems to require his advancement to the Priesthood. All concurred in testimony of his exemplary piety & excellent conduct.

Mr. Conlan was next approved for Subdeaconship—The same creditable testimony to his uniform piety and correct deportment was likewise rendered by all present.

Mr. Dillon was put off, for at least, one year, as he has been frequently seen overcome with liquor, had gone into the City with Revd. Mr. Cavanaugh, without leave & had given impertinent language to Revd. M. M. Mullan & others. I doubt very much whether I shall ever allow him to receive Holy Orders. He seems to me conceited & vain. Mr. O’Mealy was called to receive the Tonsure. 22d, 23d, Feb. 13th March 16th &c. were the days selected for the conferring of these orders &c. (indistinct)

13th Jan.

Mr. Dillon was very humble & willingly acknowledged the propriety of the course pursued in his regard. The others have signified to the Revd. Mast. Cerem. their submission & acquiescence in the views of their Eccles. Superiors. . . . This day I recd. a Letter from the ArchB. informing me that Revd. Messrs. Pise & Wainwright had obtained their exeat, the former receiving a salary from the Bishop of New York for conducting his Nyack College—the latter stationed at Pottsville, Pa.

Jan. 14.

This day Mr. Storer, our Lawyer, informed me that in order to remedy the numerous defects in the late Bishop’s will, occasioned by Revd. Auth. Ganilh, it will be necessary to write to everyone of the heirs of Dr. Fenwick and obtain from each a release! This will be troublesome business indeed! God is All.

15

Began a few articles for the Telegraph—“*What is Truth.*” The Ohio which was nearly frozen over the other day, is said to have risen since yesterday Morn. nearly 20 feet—Sent Revd. Mr. Abell of Louisville 4 Doz. Catechisms & a roll of pictures today by Mr. Bulger, brother of deceased Priest of Morgan buried at Mt. St. M.

16.

Mrs. Williamson, mother of Adolphus, has presented the church a Com. Cloth which extends along the Rails of the Sanctuary—an Altar Cloth—and bought Stuff for a few Surplices for the Seminarians. Dined at Mr. O’Hara’s today. The City Clerk paid me today, in Script, as they term it, 221 Doll

instead of 260 due for the Engine House rent for one year. 15 per cent was charged for cashing his order—The corporation being deeply in debt & forbidden to take up more money on interest to pay the same!!!

17.

Two Seminarians, Patrick Rattigan & Langton, who had applied to me some years before for admission at Emburg, have just left the Sem. of the Barrens Missi. when their health was bad and apply again to me for adoption into this diocese. Have no means of support for them. Of 28 Seminarians last year at the Barrens, they say 22 have left it, mainly in consequence of its being so unhealthy.

18.

It has been determined that Revd. Mr. Mullon go to New Orleans to prepare the ground for obtaining more scholars for the Athen, more subscribers for the Telegraph, coffee & sugar for the Orphans, and to see what Revd. James Reid is doing there—what money he has collected for his new school and church in Browne County which he has so indecently abandoned—This day I resolved that Kavanagh & his wife—a Widower & Widow lately married by a Squire, because I wd not let them be married without publication of Bans, or at least, a few days' previous notice of their intention, shd. come before the altar at 8 o'clock Mass, receive a reprimand & ask pardon of Alm. God & the Congn.—they agreed penitently and humbly. Revd. Mr. Mullon will carry the com. into effect tomorrow Morning.

19.

Published at High Mass that the Law of the Church requiring publication of the Bans between Parties intending to contract Marriage cannot be dispensed with when the Parties are unknown to the Pastors of the Cathedral &c. &c. See Telegraph of this time.

20.

Heard of dissatisfaction at Mt. St. M. news in a Letter from John Matthias to F. Meline—F. Meline & Mr. Mullon go to New Orleans in Mr. Byrne's boat, the *Hudson*, now in Louisville—Revd. Mr. M. starts from here in the *Michigan* to take the *Hudson* at L. Snow falling fast—River high & rapid.

21.

Servants leave at too short warning—High-minded here—Must have some from Emburg—told Miss Ann she May write for Betsy Bigha who is very anxious to come out—

22.

Wrote to Dr. I. Cook Bennett of Bloomfield who is, he says, anxious to embrace catholicity & devote his life to the preaching of the Gospel—Is a Married Man & has one Child—Female Elders & Tract—distributing sybils very busy in preventing the spread of popery in Cti. Think this place one of the Pope's strong castles. . . .

23.

Mr. Reids Bricklayer, Fawble, speaking ill of me thro Town. . . . Revd.

Mr. O'Canagh at the Theatre again! . . . Invited to attend the Dedication of the new Church in Pittsburg, in next April.

24.

Bigots growing fierce in their opposition to Popery—Brownler's Letter to the R. C. Bishops of the U. States! Cin. Journal—Why do not Catholics awake?—Such apathy in the ranks of our own Clergy is inconceivable—I know that prayer & Study & visiting the Sick is more meritorious and Commendable, but we must descend sometimes into the Plain & fight the Philistines with their own arms. The Henenanns, celebrated Musicians & Vocalists, in Town. probably will come to our church tomorrow—It is snowing hard.

25.

Visiting sick Miss Swift—receiving Letters & ans. have to teach Theol. & Philos. class in absence of Revd. Mr. Mullon. Will commence a Script class on Thursday, God willing. Understand that Dr. John C. Bennett with whom I have just been corresponding on the subject of Religion is a Bishop of the Methodist Sect. Politely invited to go see the picture of Temptation and expulsion of Adam & Eve now being exhibited in Cti.: am tempted myself to think it is all a hoax. heard from Emburgh.

26.

Began a course of instructions on the Decalogue. An unfortunate Irishman, crazy & what is worse drunk, as I fear, hallowed out in Church "& Martin Luther"—I "never minded him," until all was over.

27.

St. Mary's Seminary, Wash Cty., Ky., burned on the 3th Dec. 1833. this was the 4th time similar disasters occurred there!

Jan. 28th.

Writing a series of Articles "Fifty reasons 22." this vile tract has been taken to Mrs. Johnson & put in the hands of a good convert on Sunday as he left our church.

29.

Said Mass for Visitation Order. reminded of the day when I said Mass, in the Vestments of St. F. de Sales & the Nuns of Rue Neuve St. Etienne went to Com. Privileged & happy day! May I never forget the resolutions with which it then pleased God to inspire me. . . . Circus and 5 other Houses in this city & street, burned last night. Letters from Revd. E. Collins—doing well up at Dayton & Stollardstown. God prosper his Servant.

30.

Gave Revd. D. Deloughery a cloths press of which his room was destitute—had a few days before given Revd. Em. Thienpont a similar piece of furniture. . . . Heard shocking tales of Revd. Mr. Reid when he was in Brown City. Cannot credit them. He has not yet returned. . . . Gave F. Meline 5 Dollars more. He has been detained in Town—The *Hudson* was crippled, on her way from N. Orleans—Revd. Mr. Mullon was to have left Louisville on Monday, in the *Louisa*.—Florant goes in the *Superior* from this place, this evening.

31.

Recd a Villainous Letter against Mr. Collins from a German—John Biekey, of Dayton. Sent him a suitable reply—a little child, Eliza M. Kramer, bound to me, at request of the Sisters—She is a *Methodist* as far as She knows—Amusing form of indenture. She is like Helen Pike. Mrs. McDermott's daughter who says she was Married by a Squire at Louisville to Bishop a Notorious Gambler and profligate, came to see me—Is tormented at the idea of her connexion with an *Infidel* who mocks at all religion & who regards no moral restraints—he has been divorced in New York, or Connecticut & is said publicly thro' this City to have had several children by different Women. (This girl's Mother is excessively ignorant—She lately did public penance for having got married by a squire, after I had refused to perform the ceremony in advent. She is a grand Mother & her husband is a —— & surely a simple Irishman.) Mrs. Bishop is looked upon by the people around as a kept *Mistress*.

Feb. 1.

Having some doubts of the correctness of a copy furnished from the Register's off. of the late Bishop's Will, I examined the record and found it is far from being as bad as I thought—the copy was, in fact, incorrect—for household's lots—it reads "houses and lots". This is a reprieve——Mr. Storer is of his old Mind.

2d.

Preached before Mass on the blessing of the Candles and Presentation of our Lord. after Gospel, on the propriety of Subscribing for the Telegraph—abuse of Prot. Journals &c. &c.—and then on the *Word of God* at the usual time. Great distress in Town—Money brings 3 per cent, per Month—

3d.

Have many letters to write today—Schenhenss, N. D. Young, Bruté.

4.

Mother Rose, &c. &c. Mr (Vogeler Revd) is much to be pitied—He is subject to Most distressing Hallucinations. thinks the house shaky, the cook will poison him &c. I wish I cd. do something for So good a Man. 16 new Subscribers for Telegraph—I write "Spirit of Cti Journal."

Feb. 5.

Employed in looking for a house for the Sisters— will try and obtain one in 6th St. It is offered at 4000 Dollars & is more convenient in every way, than the house of *Athens* in 5th beyond the Market, which I went to see with Dr. Marshall—and for which 300 Doll. rent were asked—

6.

Taught a Scripture class today—will continue, please God, to do so—

7 & 8.

Mr. Henni of Canton asks leave to go to Europe—

9.

Mr. Ch. P. Montgomery asks direction as to interment of Non-Conformists with the Law of Pasch-Com. & the duties of Religion, in Catholic graveyards—and circumstances here will not admit of our strictly enforcing the dec. of W. C.

of La. When *they called for a Priest*, let them be considered to have died in good dispositions & obtain Ch. burial. Publish Pastoral for Lent.

10.

Writing "Plain Reasons" & Conclusion of 'what is truth'?

11.

Revd. Mr. OCavanagh has left Town at length—Seemed to have no thought of repentance. His brother and Sister remain here—

12.

Preached at Blessed Ashes' distribution—Early hour—7—get a considerable crowd. . . . Instructing Mrs. Farman and Mrs. Delaplaine, at Mrs. Jaffs. Invited by Mr. McHenry & Misses Reilly to spend last Even. did not go—

13.

Script. class.

14.

Letter from Revd. Mr. Reid—Says he has just recd. My Letter— has about 1000 Doll. and will come back instanter. His printed french circular as curious a Specimen as his English one—

15.

Still busy in looking for a house for the Sisters—so hard to Suit them— There are Sundry Judgements on Dr. Gano's property in 6th St. which if I can get with a good tittle & for tolerable terms at this most depressed time, I will take. The Sisters could have their School in a House, the 'female Sem' lately kept by Mrs. Talent—and keep the orphans Separate from the others.

16.

Preached on Justice of God—as usual, left out Much—Mr. Rives & family in Church—Congn. very orderly—Spoke also of Catechism—in the Evening lectured on 1st Com. Suming up —and began the 2d.

17.

Went over to Mr. Bullocks'—a Visit to this enlightened Most plain good sense Englishman is always interesting & instructive—He was personally acquainted with Sturbide—Lord Clifford, Lady Blessington & all the first Men of the British Empire.

18.

Last night at 10½ had to go for Dr. Hermange for Sister Victoria who was taken suddenly sick—She ought to be sent home— It is thought she is imprudent in diet &c.—

19.

I have this day Signed an agreement with Dr. Gano to pay him for his house in 6th St., 1000 Doll. in 14 days, 1500 in 6 months & 1500 in 12 months from Day of Sale—

Feb. 20.

Many now, and especially Cassilly himself, telling me I cd. get property much cheaper—perhaps so—but why did he, unhappy man, place me under

the necessity of Making such a bargain—why retract a gift? and threaten repeatedly and insultingly to turn Sisters & orphans out of doors?

20.

This day I had to reprimand V. before B. & Alpha. for having indulged to excess in a way to disgrace—a Lay girl observed it—I dined today at old Mr. Consedine's—Mr. (Dr.) Hermange accompanied me in a pleasant ramble, praying his expected son may one day be a Priest.—

21st.

Warm weather—Visit from Joseph Elder of Balte.

22d.

Tonsured Mr. Henry D. Juncker & Joseph OMealy—gave the instruction (at 7 oclock low Mass.) Conferred Minor Orders on Mr. Juncker—Mr. Montgomery arrived from New Orleans—left Mr. Reid at Louisville. Brought letters from Revd. Mr. Mullan who says Very Revd. Mr. LeBlanc will write to Me of Revd. Mr. Reid's conduct down there.

23.

Mr. Reid arrived. Mr. Blanc has written to me and said little against Mr. Reid—Mr. R.'s Agent, Hogan, of New Orleans, has written after throwing up his agency & recalling his Son. I have had a Most serious talk with him on all charges against him—My plans & Views conc. Brown County &c. and agreed to let him return thither to see how he will get on now. In New Orleans Revd. Mr. S. H. Motgy tells me Mr. Reid was not charged with any crime; but that he talked pompously to low people.

24.

Subdeaconship to M. M. Juncker & Conlan. I have resolved, all things considered, to keep Mr. Mtgomery in this house, where he is desirous, rather than willing to reside. He has been accused, justly or unjustly, of being too familiar with three Ladies (Mrs. D. Miss Talleton & Mrs. — formerly Miss Baker—I believe him not guilty of More than indiscretion in these instances. His orders & He do not agree. He complains that he was not suffered to see the constitutions, when urged to take his Vows; that after 10 years he accidentally read and protested against them in their application to himself. that he was never happy in the Comty and that Bp. Rosati has written to Rome for an Act of Secularization for him. He is very popular, instructs well—is a good financier and has made many converts & built several Churches. It is a good pple to *gather* rather than *Scatter* resources— Writing for Telegraph—Leopoldine Association—50 reasons —&c. Letters; Classes—&c.—

25.

Sudden cold—Went with Revd. E. Deloughery to see Sus. Mullan who has the bilious fevre at Mrs. Harris Hotel—heard she was better . . .

26.

Birthday. 34 years! J. M. J.

Feb. 27.

May I begin a new life of fervor and holiness, O My God—and do Thou enable

me to put an end to the distracted and wretched coldness of the State in which I have lived since I have been a Bishop. Gave 5 Doll. for a Brev. for Mr. Conlan. Resolved to ordain Mr. Juncker Deacon at the German Service, 4th Sunday of Lent.

28.

How many who should be Catholics, live in forgetfulness of God, or enticed away by heresy! So many little Children too who are perverted in consequence of their parents' sending them to Presbyterian Schools. Must have a Male free School & go about more among the Catholics who stray from their Church—

March 1st.

Very cold—Visited the property on the hill—see it a Waste—only one or two Gallons of milk per day, pd. for that fine property & no pains taken with it. Must get another tenant than this poor Dutch family— Mr. Motgmy. went with me to see it. We agreed on the way, after much previous conversation, to undertake the Building of a German Church. Letters from Mr. Jamison—transferred to Mt. St. M!

March 2d.

Mr. Thienpont preached a good sermon today on Sin—Mr. Mtgy sang high Mass—took cup of tea at Mr. McHenry's in the Evening. Wish McHenry was a practical Catholic.

March 3d.

Heard from Emburg—"Il a passé bien de l'eau sous le pont," says good Mr. Bruté—Mr. Jamison has *given up*—Mr. Butler is now President and joint owner with Messrs Whelan & Sourin!—God prosper his Holy Cause, whomsoever He deigns to call to its defence. refer to letters of this Epoch.

4th.

Gen. Finley, Carneal, Dr. Drake coming in to see & exchange friendly assurances—Resolved to ordain Mr. Juncker Deacon at the German Service next

5.

Sunday—Letters from St. Joseph's directing Sr. Victoria to go to St. Louis by 1st oppty.

6.

Walked about Town with Mr. Mtgomery, looking for a convenient Site for a New Ger. Church—Have partly concluded that it shall be 120 by 60 feet. Hope to get ground at from 20 to 30\$ per foot.

7.

Dr. Gano's property is so much encumbered with a Mortgage & Judgements to the Amount of upwards of 3000 Doll. that I shall not pay him a cent until All is clear.

8.

Writing a notice & remarks on Bishop Dubois' Pastoral—It is certainly a Most Singular production. We leave out what cd not by sound hearts or Minds be read with pleasure.

9.

Lent Mr. Maurice Byrne 500 Doll. to help him out of his Share of the public embarrassment, until Tuesday. Dr. Gano finds it, I imagine, as much as he can do to get a release of the Judgements on his property. . . . got a Kind of chill today in little chapel—

March 9.

The Wall of the ditch around these premises fell in last night, loosened by the rain—it was wretchedly built—Mr. White should certainly pay for its repairs—75 Doll.—Gave Ann Knott 4 Doll.

10.

Ordained Mr. Juncker Deacon at the Ger. Service today—Mr. Vogeler preached. I lectured in the evening on Vows—reconnoitred ground for Germ. Church—They ask 75 Doll. per foot, for a fine lot 120 feet deep & 60 wide, on 4th St. not far from the Unitarian Church—took tea at Mr. Sayre's—He, I hope, will soon be a Cath. & his Sister-in-Law, Mrs. Burnham.

11.

Rode around the hill today on a rough trotting Pony—was accompanied by Mr. Mtgy.—called at Mr. Consedine's who Daughter Honora has been ill. . . . What Multitudes of unfortunate Irish people Married by Squires &c. and to bigamists. it is truly awful.—

12.

Revd. Mr. Mullon has returned from N. Orleans and in excellent health. He has brought 650 Doll. of which Some is for the Price of Board and tuition of Students in the Athenoum; Some for the Telegraph Subscription & Some for the orphans. He brought me a set of Vestments from N. Orl. Sent from Belgium & some Theolog. books—also a Bologna ed. of Rom. Breviary sent me by My Kind friend Revd. Mr. Jean-Jean.

13.

Plenty of news from Emburgh about the change—Mr. Butler's presidency &c. &c.—Sr. Victoria gone—

14.

Happy to learn that Charles Carroll's heirs have agreed to refer their Scandalous litigation to Arbitrators, and that Revd. Messrs. OBrien To have been released from the odious obligation of giving testimony—

15.

Mr. Thienpont has bought a house—I promised to provide provender—Dr. Price has not yet noticed My Note concerning the removal of Ann, his Ward, from the Asylum—She is subject to fits and Must leave there. Revd. Mr. Collins here— I gave him—all I cd. afford—20 Doll. —to pay his expenses up & down to & from Dayton—

16.

Mr. Juncker ordained Priest—Mr. Mtgy. preached—He had to tell the people twice he was very sick and scarcely able to proceed—Bishop Flaget lately wrote to deprive him of faculties in Covington, after 31st March, if Mr.

Young did not agree to his living with me—It looks something as if there were pique, which perhaps, there is not, in this business. . . . We announced our determination to build a Germ. Church, today. Next week, I shall go round among the Germans, first, with Revd. Messrs. Vogeler and Mtgomery. God prosper the work for his own glory and our Salvation. Mr. Juncker gave Bened. with B. Sacrament—

17.

I preached the St. Patrick's Sermon to a full church at 11 oclock today—organ played, but Low Mass said by Revd. Mr. Mullon. All, thank God, passed quietly and orderly. Visiting Germans—Much pleased with them, so far.

18.

Subscribed 300 Doll. towards Germ. Church, Myself—Know not where I shall get them—Pd. Dr. John Gano 1000 Doll. on the Sisters' house—

19.

Wrote to Revd. Mr. Bruté to State my reasons why he shd. accept, if his Nomination by the Prov. Council, to the See of Vincennes, will be confirmed in Rome. The ArchBishop told him he was Nominated—Bishop Rosati informed Sr. Fanny that the ArchBishop is to have a Coadjutor!—I remember Bishop Fenwick observed in the Council "Let us Keep our own Secrets." Visited orphans today. they Sang "Holy Patron" and they have good right—

20.

Mrs. Dewitt has just heard from her brother Adolphus at the Propaganda. The Hoffmans of Balte. were in the Et. City when he wrote—No particular news. . . . Revd. Mr. Mullon having felt unhappy & looked so Since his return from N. Orl. has asked for his exeat, Stating as his reasons that his Sister (married) at Emburgh is in a state of beggary and Starvation; that Mrs. Harris, with whom his Sister now stays at the Broadway Hotel, is going to retire from it; as Mrs. Harris gives up the concern & that he Must therefore go to New Orl. where he can get a large Salary &c. &c. &c—This I cd not assent to—New Orleans is a Charnel-House—He might die there soon & then— Besides his real Motive, which I concluded is Mr. Mtgomery's living here, should not, any more than those I have stated, have any weight with a Priest. I refused the *exeat*—He acquiesced &c. &c—Mr. Darr, a Germ. in front Street, anxious to have a free Church, *i. e.*, No rented pews, but only a capitation cess for the support of priest & fabrique—could not consent to it—tho his Motives are good—He gave 50 Doll. for the erection of the Church as I wish it to be.

21.

Very cold today. Mr. Mtgomery an hour & $\frac{1}{2}$ in crossing the River in Steam-ferry-boat. Wind high. River rising.

22.

Hearing confessions—cold—instructing converts—

23.

A French boy went to the railing of the Sanctuary today & recd Communion at Mr. Deloughery's Mass without having even been at confession. He thought

that what he did was going to Confession and that Communion was something else! O Jesu! O Potestas, O Patientia!!

March 23.

Had a meeting of the Germans today, who subscribed liberally towards the erection of the contemplated church—offered good brick at 2.62 & 2.68 per 1000, to be put in the wall at the rate of 2.62½ and the Mortar (no loom) & hands all furnished by bricklayer—

24.

Looking out for an eligible lot for a Germ. Church. There are two in Court St., one at 40 Doll. and the other at 45 D. a foot. one 160 feet deep—the other 130— and one on 4th St. 180 feet deep at 60 Doll. a foot.

25.

Preached today at last Mass which I said—Mrs. Hanley, our organist's little son is very sick—She cd not play—her husband is in New Orleans—

26.

Repository made of 4 upright posts *like a bed*—Must have the plan, if God spare my health & life, &c changed next year. Tenebrae sung tolerably well.

27. I sang High Mass. Mr. Mullon preached—No connexion in his sermons—left church at 2¼ P. M. Many of the female Communicants looked quite exhausted—

28.

Preached a quasi passion Sermon.

29.

Sang Mass—blessed font &c—Shall leave this to be done by a Priest next year

30.

Sang H. Mass. Mr. Mullon preached—tea at Dr. Bonner's.

31.

German Meeting during H. Mass.

April 1st.

I had agreed to take Stite's lot on Court St. at 40 Doll. a foot & ordered the deed to be made; but he cd not get a Mortgage released—Have now to look out elsewhere—

2d.

Went with M. Cassilly and Moreland to look at Brick—Agreed to take it 300,000, from Ackly, at 2.50 per 1000, and he to give 20,000 in—and take pay as he can get it—

3d.

Have given the Brick-work to Joseph Fry, who will furnish Mortar, no loom, as above—

4th.

Dined at Mr. Bullock's, with Mr. Mtgomery and Mr. Cappinger—See letter of Bishop Dubois.

5.

Confessions—looked at a lot belonging to Foot and Bonsel, in 5th St. not far from the Mound—May have to take 70 feet there by 200, at 3000 Doll. Its location is remote from most of the Germans—cd get a lot across the canal, for 25 Doll. a foot, but it is entirely too far away—

6th.

After the Benevolent Soc. Meeting, spoke of Subscription for the new church—Some little hesitancy on my part, as to the expediency & propriety of the Measure—The sum of 300 Doll. was subscribed by those present—

7.

Mr. Cassilly refused to Subscribe to the Church—and this man pretends to visit us and asks to go to confession—

8.

6 Sisters arrived with Dr. L. Smith on their way to N. Or. proceeded next day down the river. Lee Horsey Dead at Mt. St. Mary's.

9th.

I have written to Very Revd. W. McDonald of Kingston, N. C., to agree to his coming to live with us—He was the editor of the Catholic—an able paper—

10th.

Mr. Mullon still much discontented & as he has sent his Sister to Louisville, is anxious to follow her—talks very imprudently through town and too plainly shews his unreasonable dislike to Mr. Mtgomery—I have agreed to let him go if he persist in the same mind, at the end of June—We have closed the bargain with Foot and Bonsel. Mr. Thom. Reilly has declared himself unable to *Subscribe for the new church*. He has been very generous to the Sisters, to whom he gave, at one time, 200 Doll.

Bp. Rese' is expected here—Rev. Mr. Ganilh came to this City on H. Thursday & left it on Easter-Sunday, on his way to Louisville, without coming near the Church to *see God*, say Mass, or speak to me! Mr. Young seems offended at my taking Mr. Mtgy to live here. Mr. Vogeler, whose Mind has long been Vanishing, left us for New Orleans a few days ago & left poor Mr. Juncker responsibility & labors without end. Priests, Priests!

11th.

1836

April 26th, 1836.

After repeated efforts to procure a larger house, & more airy & healthy, for our Orphans, I closed a Contract with Mr. Cope, U. S. Bank Agent, for the large dwelling now occupied by Miss Beecher for a Boarding-School, and lot of 185 by 182 feet, for 15905 Dollars to be paid 1-5th in hand & the balance in four, equal, annual payments, with interest. There were 2370 dollars expended by the Bank on the repairs of the house last year. The title is said to be indisputable. Lawyer Chase would have purchased the property, so convinced was he of the soundness of the title, if he cd only be assured that he cd get the balance of the property immediately adjoining.

SEMINARY RECEIPTS

Jan. 1852.

21.	Revd. Maurice Howard	10.00
22.	Miss Mary E. Butler	5.00
22.	Revd. Mr. Kearney (by my brother)	30.00
22.	Revd. Josue M. Young.	10.00

March 2d.	Very Revd. St. Th. Badin	10.00
Mch. 6th	Henry Schurbrock	5.00
Nov. 9	Revd. Mr. Kraemer (I handed this the 15th to Revd. Mr. Whelan)	5.00

1853 Mrs. Anna Corr (life subscriber annually) 10.00

Jan. 5th

April 24 St. Xavier's for Sem. (by F. Driscoll) 155.00

October 26th 1852 Money for St. Joseph's Asylum recd. by me.

Oct. 26 From P. Rogers & another by him 50.00

Nov. 14 Ambrose White (Baltimore) 4.00

" 15 Mary & Eliz. Van Aschen 2.00

Dec. 28th Dr. John McMechan 7.00

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Jan. Spalding & Geraldine (given to Revd. Mr. Whelan) 50.00

Jan. 6th a friend (Mrs. Maggini) 5.00

" " Terence Duffy 1.00

1853

Mch. 22 Mrs. (other) Philips 3.00

24 Mr. Philip Gallagher 20.00

April 2 Miss Mary & E. Van Aschen 2.00

5 by Revd. Mr. Wood, Revd. Mr. Meyer of Dayton 5.00